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Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*a*), may I know whether any proposals have been made ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" No, Sir."

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—" With reference to clause (*d*), may I know when the report will be ready to be placed on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" As soon as it is received."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Was there not a preliminary report ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" A small press communiqué was issued."

The British Empire Exhibition.

* 211 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Statement of Accounts of British Empire Exhibition will be placed on the table of the House ;

(*b*) whether Madras has been consulted in regard to the participation in the exhibition this year ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to consult the Legislative Council before agreeing to take part ; if not why not ?

A.—(*a*) As soon as it has been received and considered by Government.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Mr. President, Sir, with your kind permission, may I give a personal explanation regarding the answer given by the hon. the Home Member to a question with reference to the scavenging work in jails. I should like to draw the attention of the hon. the Home Member to question No. 730, dated 13th October 1924, wherein it is clearly stated by the Government that the scavenging work is usually allotted to convicts who belong to the toti class and when these are not available no caste persons are employed in accordance with the principle laid down in rule 28 of the Jail Manual."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member may revive the subject in any future question of his. I do not think I can allow him to ask a question in the name of a personal explanation. I do not think this is a personal explanation. I believe the hon. Member wishes to refute something that was said by the hon. the Home Member on the subject yesterday. It is open to him to address another question to the hon. the Home Member if he wants to dispute the accuracy of his statement."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" I shall give separate notice of the question."